STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAM

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

PLAYGROUND SAFETY CHECKLIST

Injuries to children may occur from many types of playground equipment and environmental conditions. The checklist on the following pages will help you to assess and correct hazards that may be present on your playground. The checklist is not intended to apply to home playground equipment, amusement park equipment, or to equipment normally intended for sports use. The checklist also does not address the many important issues of child development that pertain to play.

The checklist represents a compilation of Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) guidelines, international playground standards, and expert opinions from consultants in the field of playground safety. It is important to note that the checklist is a DRAFT pending changes in the CPSC guidelines and findings of the Association for Standards and Testing Materials (ASTM) Task Force on Public Playground Equipment. The Task Force recently convened and results are forthcoming upon completion of the project.

The front page of the checklist includes several questions concerning the category of the playground, type and amount of equipment and the playground environment. The remainder of the checklist is comprised of specific questions concerning the design of the equipment, surfacing underneath the equipment, and maintenance of the equipment. Twelve categories of equipment have been identified for consideration in the checklist: swings, preschool swings, multi-purpose climbers, monkey bars, dome climbers, seesaws, slides, circular-type slides, sandboxes, rocking equipment, merry-go-rounds, and tunnels. There are also sets of questions pertaining to benches and tables, and the general environment. Space is provided at the end of the checklist to list and describe any other equipment that has not been included.

The checklist is designed for user ease, and many of the questions are repeated from one category of equipment to another so that inspectors can more accurately assess each piece of equipment. To use the checklist, simply check the column marked "YES" or "NO" for each question. In most cases, a "YES" response denotes a "safe" condition. Where a "NO" response denotes a "safe" condition an asterisk (*) appears in the "NO" column. The "COMMENTS" column should also be used for a specific description of any hazardous condition found while conducting a playground safety check. It takes approximately one and a half hours to complete the checklist for the average playground.

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Name of Playground _____ Date of Inspection ___/___/___
Mo/Day/Year

Street _____

Name(s) of person(s) conducting check: _____

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1. Category of playground (Circle one):

   a. public school
   b. private school
   c. public recreation facility
   d. day care
   e. other (please specify) _____

2. Type and amount of equipment (Write "0" if not applicable):

	Number		Number
a. Swings (seats)	☐☐	j. Stumps (telephone poles)	☐☐
b. Gliders (seats)	☐☐	k. Merry-go-round	☐☐
c. Seesaws	☐☐	l. Sandboxes	☐☐
d. Multi-Purpose Climber	☐☐	m. Benches	☐☐
e. Dome Climber	☐☐	n. Tables	☐☐
f. Monkey Bars	☐☐	o. Other (specify)_____	☐☐
g. Rocking Equipment	☐☐	p. Other (specify)_____	☐☐
h. Chin-Up Bars	☐☐		
i. Balance Beam	☐☐		

3. Playground Environment (Circle all that apply):

   Playground borders:

   a. No street
   b. 1 street
   c. 2 streets
   d. 3 streets
   e. 4 streets
   f. Number of streets heavily trafficked? _____
   g. Water
   h. Soccer/football field
   i. Baseball/softball field
   j. Basketball court
   k. Tennis court
   l. Parking lot

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
SWINGS (For PRESCHOOL SWINGS, see next section)				
4. Are nuts, bolts, and screws recessed, covered or sanded smooth and level?				
5. Are nuts and bolts tight and not able to be loosened without tools?				
6. Is wooden equipment free from splinters or rough surfaces?				
7. Is metal equipment free from rust?				
8. Is metal equipment free from chipping paint?				
9. Are ropes, chains or cables frayed or worn out?		*		
10. Is equipment free from sharp edges?				
11. Has equipment shifted or become bent?		*		
12. Are there any "V" entrapment angles on any part of the equipment?		*		
13. Are there open holes in the equipment forming finger traps (e.g., at the ends of tubes)?		*		
14. Are all parts of the equipment present?				
15. Are anchors for equipment stable?				
16. Are anchors for equipment buried below ground level?				
17. Is there corrosion at points where equipment comes into contact with ground surface?		*		

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
18. Types of Surfacing: (Circle all that apply) a. Asphalt b. Bare ground (dirt) c. Concrete d. Grass e. Pea gravel (smooth) - depth _____ f. Rock gravel (rough) g. Rubber mats - thickness _____ h. Sand - depth _____ i. Shredded rubber - depth _____ j. Vinyl mats - thickness _____ k. Wood chips - depth _____ l. Other (specify) _____ m. "Specialty" playground surfacing - Brand: _____		[Amount of Surface]		
19. Do swings have adequate clearance in all directions (14 feet beyond the furthest extension of the swing)?				
20. Are swing seats at least 27 1/2" from each other and away from the frame?				
21. Is there a barrier to help prevent children from running into the pathway of the swings?				
22. Are all swing seats made of canvas, rubber or other lightweight material?				
23. If "S" hooks are used, are they completely closed?				
24. Is the point at which the chain/rope and seat meet designed to prevent hand or foot entrapment?				
25. Do chain link openings exceed 5/16" in diameter?		*		
26. When stationary, are all seats level?				

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
27. Are there more than two swings attached to an individual frame?		*		
28. Are swing seats at a maximum height of 20"?				
29. Is there anything else wrong with this equipment?				
PRESCHOOL SWINGS 30. Are nuts, bolts, and screws recessed, covered or sanded smooth and level?				
31. Are nuts and bolts tight and not able to be loosened without tools?				
32. Is wooden equipment free from splinters or rough surfaces?				
33. Is metal equipment free from rust?				
34. Is metal equipment free from chipping paint?				
35. Are ropes, chains or cables frayed or worn out?		*		
36. Is equipment free from sharp edges?				
37. Has equipment shifted or become bent?		*		
38. Are there any "V" entrapment angles on any part of the equipment?		*		
39. Are there open holes in the equipment forming finger traps (e.g., at the ends of tubes)?		*		
40. Are all parts of the equipment present?				

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
41. Are anchors for equipment stable?				
42. Are anchors for equipment buried below ground level?				
43. Is there corrosion at points where equipment comes into contact with ground surface?		*		
44. Types of Surfacing: (Circle all that apply) a. Asphalt b. Bare ground (dirt) c. Concrete d. Grass e. Pea gravel (smooth) - depth _____ f. Rock gravel (rough) g. Rubber mats - thickness _____ h. Sand - depth _____ i. Shredded rubber - depth _____ j. Vinyl mats - thickness _____ k. Wood chips - depth _____ l. Other (specify) _____ m. "Specialty" playground surfacing - Brand: _____				[Amount of Surface]
45. Do swings have adequate clearance in all directions (14 feet beyond the furthest extension of the swing)?				
46. Are swing seats at least 27 1/2" from each other and away from the frame?				
47. Is there a barrier to help prevent children from running into the pathway of the swings?				
48. Are all swing seats made of canvas, rubber or other lightweight material?				
49. Are swing seats with back supports and safety bars available for toddlers or children with disabilities?				

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
50. If "S" hooks are used, are they completely closed?				
51. Is the point at which the chain/rope and seat meet designed to prevent hand or foot entrapment?				
52. Do chain link openings exceed 5/16" in diameter?		*		
53. When stationary, are all seats level?				
54. Are there more than two swings attached to an individual frame?		*		
55. Are swing seats at a maximum height of 18"?				
56. Is there anything else wrong with this apparatus?				
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR TIRE SWINGS, GLIDERS AND HANGING RINGS 57. For tire swings, is there at least a 19" safety zone between the support structure and the furthest extensions of the swing?				
58. Do tire swings have drainage openings every 5-6"?				
59. Have steel-belted radial tires been used?		*		
60. Do plane swings (gliders) have stable handholds?				
61. Do plane swings (gliders) have stable footholds?				

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
62. Do plane swings (gliders) have stable seats?				
63. Are hanging rings less than 5" or more than 10" in diameter?				
64. Is there anything else wrong with this apparatus?				
ULTI-PURPOSE CLIMBERS 65. Are nuts, bolts, and screws recessed, covered or sanded smooth and level?				
66. Are nuts and bolts tight and cannot be loosened without tools?				
67. Is wooden equipment free from splinters or rough surfaces?				
68. Is metal equipment free from rust?				
69. Is metal equipment free from chipping paint?				
70. Are ropes, chains or cables frayed or worn out?		*		
71. Is equipment free from sharp edges?				
72. Has equipment shifted or become bent?		*		
73. Are there any "V" entrapment angles on any part of the equipment?		*		
74. Are there any open holes in the equipment forming finger traps (e.g., at the ends of tubes)?		*		

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
75. Are all parts of the equipment present?				
76. Are anchors for equipment stable?				
77. Are anchors for equipment buried below ground level?				
78. Is there corrosion at points where equipment comes into contact with ground surface?		*		
79. Types of Surfacing: (Circle all that apply) a. Asphalt b. Bare ground (dirt) c. Concrete d. Grass e. Pea gravel (smooth) - depth _____ f. Rock gravel (rough) g. Rubber mats - thickness _____ h. Sand - depth _____ i. Shredded rubber - depth _____ j. Vinyl mats - thickness _____ k. Wood chips - depth _____ l. Other (specify) _____ m. "Specialty" playground surfacing - Brand: _____				
80. Does the safety surface extend under the structure and 6 feet beyond the sides of the apparatus?				
81. Does equipment height exceed 8 feet?		*		(6 feet for preschool)
82. Is there a 38" (or higher) barrier around equipment that is more than 30" above the ground?				(30" for preschool)
83. Are safety barriers designed to prevent children's easy access to a greater height?				
84. Do handholds stay in place when grasped?				

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
85. Are rope climbing nets and suspension nets firmly and safely connected?				
86. Are rungs painted in bright or contrasting colors?				
87. Are footholds regularly-spaced (7"-10" apart) from top to bottom?				
88. Are rungs, climbing bars or handrails between 1 3/4" and 1 1/2" in diameter?				
89. Are there any head entrapment areas (4 1/4" to 9" spaces)?		*		
90. If openings between rungs or steps are greater than 4 1/4" and less than 9", is the space filled?				
91. Is there an easy, safe "way out" for children who climb to the top?				
92. Do spaces between slats of barriers exceed 4"?		*		
93. Is there anything else wrong with this apparatus?				
MONKEY BARS 94. Are nuts, bolts, and screws recessed, covered or sanded smooth and level?				
95. Are nuts and bolts tight and cannot be loosened without tools?				
96. Is wooden equipment free from splinters or rough surfaces?				
97. Is metal equipment free from rust?				

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
98. Is metal equipment free from chipping paint?				
99. Is equipment free from sharp edges?				
100. Has equipment shifted or become bent?		*		
101. Are there any open holes in the equipment forming finger traps (e.g., at the ends of tubes)?		*		
102. Are all parts of the equipment present?				
103. Are anchors for equipment stable?				
104. Are anchors for equipment buried below ground level?				
105. Is there corrosion at points where equipment comes into contact with ground surface?		*		
106. Types of Surfacing: (Circle all that apply) a. Asphalt b. Bare ground (dirt) c. Concrete d. Grass e. Pea gravel (smooth) - depth _____ f. Rock gravel (rough) g. Rubber mats - thickness _____ h. Sand - depth _____ i. Shredded rubber - depth _____ j. Vinyl mats - thickness _____ k. Wood chips - depth _____ l. Other (specify) _____ m. "Specialty" playground surfacing - Brand: _____				
107. Does the safety surface extend under the structure and 6 feet beyond the sides of the apparatus?				

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
108. Does equipment height exceed 8 feet?		*		(6 feet for preschool)
109. Do handholds stay in place when grasped?				
110. Are footholds regularly-spaced (7"-10" apart) from top to bottom?				
111. Are rungs, climbing bars or handrails between 1 3/4" and 1 1/2" in diameter?				
112. Are there any head entrapment areas (4 1/4" to 9" spaces)?		*		
113. If openings between rungs or steps are greater than 4 1/4" and less than 9", is the space filled?				
114. Is there anything else wrong with this apparatus?				
DOME CLIMBER 115. Are nuts, bolts, and screws recessed, covered or sanded smooth and level?				
116. Are nuts and bolts tight and cannot be loosened without tools?				
117. Is wooden equipment free from splinters or rough surfaces?				
118. Is metal equipment free from rust?				
119. Is metal equipment free from chipping paint?				
120. Is equipment free from sharp edges?				
121. Has equipment shifted or become bent?		*		

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
122. Are there any open holes in the equipment forming finger traps (e.g., at the ends of tubes)?		*		
123. Are all parts of the equipment present?				
124. Are anchors for equipment stable?				
125. Are anchors for equipment buried below ground level?				
126. Is there corrosion at points where equipment comes into contact with ground surface?		*		
127. Types of Surfacing: (Circle all that apply) a. Asphalt b. Bare ground (dirt) c. Concrete d. Grass e. Pea gravel (smooth) - depth _____ f. Rock gravel (rough) g. Rubber mats - thickness _____ h. Sand - depth _____ i. Shredded rubber - depth _____ j. Vinyl mats - thickness _____ k. Wood chips - depth _____ l. Other (specify) _____ m. "Specialty" playground surfacing - Brand: _____				
128. Does the safety surface extend under the structure and 6 feet beyond the sides of the apparatus?				
129. Does equipment height exceed 8 feet?		*		(6 feet for preschool)
130. Do handholds stay in place when grasped?				
131. Are footholds regularly-spaced (7"-10" apart) from top to bottom?				

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
132. Are rungs, climbing bars or handrails between 1 3/4" and 1 1/2" in diameter?				
133. Are there any head entrapment areas (4 1/4" to 9" spaces)?		*		
134. If openings between rungs or steps are greater than 4 1/4" and less than 9", is the space filled?				
135. Is there anything else wrong with this apparatus?				
SEESAWS 136. Are nuts, bolts, and screws recessed, covered or sanded smooth and level?				
137. Are nuts and bolts tight and cannot be loosened without tools?				
138. Is wooden equipment free from splinters or rough surfaces?				
139. Is metal equipment free from rust?				
140. Is metal equipment free from chipping paint?				
141. Is equipment free from sharp edges?				
142. Has equipment shifted or become bent?		*		
143. Are there any open holes in the equipment forming finger traps (e.g., at the ends of tubes)?		*		
144. Are all parts of the equipment present?				
145. Are anchors for equipment stable?				

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
146. Are anchors for equipment buried below ground level?				
147. Is there any corrosion at points where equipment comes into contact with ground surface?		*		
148. Types of Surfacing: (Circle all that apply) a. Asphalt b. Bare ground (dirt) c. Concrete d. Grass e. Pea gravel (smooth) - depth _____ f. Rock gravel (rough) g. Rubber mats - thickness _____ h. Sand - depth _____ i. Shredded rubber - depth _____ j. Vinyl mats - thickness _____ k. Wood chips - depth _____ l. Other (specify) _____ m. "Specialty" playground surfacing - Brand: _____				
149. Does the surface under structure extend 8 feet beyond the sides of the apparatus?				
150. Does the seating reach more than 5 feet above the ground?		*		
151. Is the fulcrum enclosed or designed to prevent pinching or crushing?				
152. Do handholds stay in place when grasped?				
153. Is there either a wooden block on the underside of the seats OR a rubber tire segment in the surface under the seats?				
154. Is there anything else wrong with this apparatus?				

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
SLIDES (Straight slides--see next section for wave, curved or tube slides.)				
155. Are nuts, bolts, and screws recessed, covered or sanded smooth and level?				
156. Are nuts and bolts tight and cannot be loosened without tools?				
157. Is wooden equipment free from splinters or rough surfaces?				
158. Is metal equipment free from rust?				
159. Is metal equipment free from chipping paint?				
160. Is equipment free from sharp edges?				
161. Has equipment shifted or become bent?		*		
162. Are there any "V" entrapment angles on any part of the equipment?		*		
163. Are there any open holes in the equipment forming finger traps (e.g., at the ends of tubes)?		*		
164. Are all parts of the equipment present?				
165. Are anchors for equipment stable?				
166. Are anchors for equipment buried below ground level?				
167. Is there any corrosion at points where equipment comes into contact with ground surface?		*		

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
168. Types of Surfacing: (Circle all that apply) a. Asphalt b. Bare ground (dirt) c. Concrete d. Grass e. Pea gravel (smooth) - depth _____ f. Rock gravel (rough) g. Rubber mats - thickness _____ h. Sand - depth _____ i. Shredded rubber - depth _____ j. Vinyl mats - thickness _____ k. Wood chips - depth _____ l. Other (specify) _____ m. "Specialty" playground surfacing - Brand: _____				
169. Does the safety surface extend under the structure and 5 feet beyond the sides of the apparatus and 6 feet beyond the end?				
170. Are the side rims at least 3" high?				
171. Is the sliding surface made of wood or fiberglass?		*		
172. Do slides have a flat surface at the top?				
173. Are there safety barriers at top of slides to prevent falls?				
174. Is the sliding surface facing away from the sun (north or east) OR is it located in the shade at high noon?				
175. If the slide is made in several pieces, are there any gaps or rough edges in the sliding surface?				
176. Is the bottom of the sliding surface less than 15" above the ground?				

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
177. Do slide ladders or steps have handrails on both sides?				
178. Are the steps or rungs slip-resistant?				
179. Are rung ladders at an angle of 75°-90°.				
180. Are stepladders at an angle of 50°-75°.				
181. Are steps and rungs regularly spaced, 7"-10" apart, from top to bottom?				
182. Are there any head entrapment areas (4 1/4" to 9" spaces)?		*		
183. If openings between rungs or steps are greater than 4 1/4" AND less than 9", is the opening filled?				
184. Is the angle of the sliding surface less than or equal to 40°?				
185. Are rungs and handrails between 1 3/4" and 1 1/2" in diameter.				
186. Is there a 16" flat surface at bottom of slide?		*		
187. Does the height of the slide exceed 8 feet?		*		(6 feet for preschool)
188. Has the bottom rung of equipment 6.5 to 8 feet been removed if preschoolers have access to the equipment?				
189. Is there a safety "run off" zone of no less than 7.5 feet at the bottom of the slide?				
190. Is there anything else wrong with this apparatus?				

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
CIRCULAR, WAVE OR TUBE SLIDES Type of slide (circle all that apply): a. Tube b. Circular c. Wave 191. Are nuts, bolts, and screws recessed, covered or sanded smooth and level?				
192. Are nuts and bolts tight and cannot be loosened without tools?				
193. Is wooden equipment free from splinters or rough surfaces?				
194. Is metal equipment free from rust?				
195. Is metal equipment free from chipping paint?				
196. Is equipment free from sharp edges?				
197. Has equipment shifted or become bent?		*		
198. Are there any "V" entrapment angles on any part of the equipment?		*		
199. Are there any open holes in the equipment forming finger traps (e.g., at the ends of tubes)?		*		
200. Are all parts of the equipment present?				
201. Are anchors for equipment stable?				
202. Are anchors for equipment buried below ground level?				

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
203. Is there any corrosion at points where * equipment comes into contact with ground surface?				
204. Types of Surfacing: (Circle all that apply) a. Asphalt b. Bare ground (dirt) c. Concrete d. Grass e. Pea gravel (smooth) - depth _____ f. Rock gravel (rough) g. Rubber mats - thickness _____ h. Sand - depth _____ i. Shredded rubber - depth _____ j. Vinyl mats - thickness _____ k. Wood chips - depth _____ l. Other (specify) _____ m. "Specialty" playground surfacing - Brand: _____				
205. Does the safety surface extend under the structure and 5 feet beyond the sides of the apparatus and 6 feet beyond the end?				
206. Are the side rims at least 5" high?				
207. Is the sliding surface made of wood or fiberglass?		*		
208. Do slides have a flat surface at the top?				
209. Are there safety barriers at top of slides to prevent falls?				
210. Is the sliding surface facing away from the sun (north or east) OR is it located in the shade at high noon?				
211. If the slide is made in several pieces, are there any gaps or rough edges in the sliding surface?		*		

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
212. Is the bottom of the sliding surface less than 15" above the ground?				
213. Do slide ladders or steps have handrails on both sides?				
214. Are the steps or rungs slip-resistant?				
215. Are rung ladders at an angle of 75°-90°.				
216. Are stepladders at an angle of 50°-75°.				
217. Are steps and rungs regularly spaced, 7"-10" apart, from top to bottom?				
218. Are there any head entrapment areas (4 1/4" to 9" spaces)?		*		
219. If openings between rungs or steps are greater than 4 1/4" AND less than 9", is the opening filled?		*		
220. Is the angle of the sliding surface is less than or equal to 40°?				
221. Are rungs and handrails are between 1 3/4" and 1 1/2" in diameter.				
222. Is there a 16" flat surface at bottom of slide?				
223. Does the height of the slide exceed 8 feet?		*		(6 feet for preschools)
224. Has the bottom rung of equipment 6.5 to 8 feet been removed if preschoolers have access to the equipment?				
225. Is there is a safety "run off" zone of no less than 7.5 feet at the bottom of the slide?				

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
226. Is there anything else wrong with this apparatus?				
SANDBOXES 227. Are nuts, bolts, and screws recessed, covered or sanded smooth and level?				
228. Are nuts and bolts tight and cannot be loosened without tools?				
229. Is wooden equipment free from splinters or rough surfaces?				
230. Is equipment free from sharp edges?				
231. Are all parts of the equipment present?				
232. Is the sandbox raked at least weekly to remove debris?				
233. Is there anything else wrong with this equipment?				
ROCKING EQUIPMENT 234. Are nuts, bolts, and screws recessed, covered or sanded smooth and level?				
235. Are nuts and bolts tight and cannot be loosened without tools?				
236. Is wooden equipment free from splinters or rough surfaces?				
237. Is metal equipment free from rust?				
238. Is metal equipment free from chipping paint?				
239. Is equipment free from sharp edges?				

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
240. Has equipment shifted or become bent?		*		
241. Are there any open holes in the equipment forming finger traps (e.g., at the ends of tubes)?		*		
242. Are all parts of the equipment present?				
243. Are anchors for equipment stable?				
244. Are anchors for equipment buried below ground level?				
245. Is there corrosion at points where equipment comes into contact with ground surface?		*		
246. Types of Surfacing: (Circle all that apply) a. Asphalt b. Bare ground (dirt) c. Concrete d. Grass e. Pea gravel (smooth) - depth _____ f. Rock gravel (rough) g. Rubber mats - thickness _____ h. Sand - depth _____ i. Shredded rubber - depth _____ j. Vinyl mats - thickness _____ k. Wood chips - depth _____ l. Other (specify) _____ m. "Specialty" playground surfacing - Brand: _____				
247. Does the safety surface extend under the structure and 6 feet beyond the sides of the apparatus?				
248. Are seating surfaces less than 39" above the ground?				
249. Are there any parts that could cause a * pinching or crushing injury?				

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
250. Do handholds stay in place when grasped?				
251. Do footrests stay in place?				
252. Is there anything else wrong with this equipment?				
MERRY-GO-ROUND 253. Are nuts, bolts, and screws recessed, covered or sanded smooth and level?				
254. Are nuts and bolts tight and cannot be loosened without tools?				
255. Is wooden equipment free from splinters or rough surfaces?				
256. Is metal equipment free from rust?				
257. Is metal equipment free from chipping paint?				
258. Is equipment free from sharp edges?				
259. Has equipment shifted or become bent?		*		
260. Are there any open holes in the equipment forming finger traps (e.g., at the ends of tubes)?		*		
261. Are all parts of the equipment present?				
262. Are anchors for equipment stable?				
263. Are anchors for equipment buried below ground level?				

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
264. Is there corrosion at points where * equipment comes into contact with ground surface?				
265. Types of Surfacing: (Circle all that apply) a. Asphalt b. Bare ground (dirt) c. Concrete d. Grass e. Pea gravel (smooth) - depth _____ f. Rock gravel (rough) g. Rubber mats - thickness _____ h. Sand - depth _____ i. Shredded rubber - depth _____ j. Vinyl mats - thickness _____ k. Wood chips - depth _____ l. Other (specify) _____ m. "Specialty" playground surfacing - Brand: _____				
266. Does the safety surface extend under the structure and 6 feet beyond the sides of the apparatus?				
267. Are platforms stable?				
268. Are there any projections from the underside of the platform?		*		
269. Is the clearance between the underside of the platform and the ground between 4 3/4" and 5 3/4" (even when in use)?				
270. Does the maximum perimeter speed of the apparatus exceed 19'6" per second?		*		
271. Is there anything else wrong with this equipment?				

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
TUNNELS				
272. Is the material of which the tunnel is constructed a smooth surface (no corrosion, chipping, splinters, etc.)?				
273. Are all components of the equipment secure and firmly fixed?				
274. Does the tunnel drain freely?				
275. If one opening of the tunnel were blocked, could a child exit safely from the other opening?				
276. Is the internal diameter of the tunnel at least 40"?				
277. Do tunnels exceed 10 feet in length?		*		
278. Is there anything else wrong with this equipment?				

OTHER EQUIPMENT (Please list any other equipment here, and describe hazards, if present.

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
BENCHES AND TABLES				
279. Are nuts, bolts, and screws recessed, covered or sanded smooth and level?				
280. Are nuts and bolts tight and cannot be loosened without tools?				
281. Is wooden equipment free from splinters or rough surfaces?				
282. Is metal equipment free from rust?				
283. Is metal equipment free from chipping paint?				
284. Is equipment free from sharp edges?				
285. Has equipment shifted or become bent?				
286. Are there any open holes in the equipment forming finger traps (e.g., at the ends of tubes)?		*		
287. Are all parts of the equipment present?				
GENERAL ENVIRONMENT				
288. Are surfaces under and around equipment raked at least weekly?				
289. Are there any poisonous plants, bushes or berries in the play area (e.g., poison ivy, china berry, etc.)?		*		
290. If the playground is near a road, pool, pond, etc., is there adequate fencing around the playground?				
291. Are there signs posted giving information about where to seek help in an emergency?				

	YES	NO	NA	COMMENTS
292. Are there signs posted giving information about restrictions on use of playground (hours, pets)?				
293. Are there signs posted giving information about name/address of playground operator (to report hazards)?				
294. Are there signs on all bordering roads advising motorists that a playground is nearby?				
295. Is the playground safely accessible to people with disabilities?				
296. Are the play areas for active play (e.g., bike riding, swinging) located away from areas for quiet play (e.g., sandboxes, picnic tables)?				
297. Are there trash receptacles in the area?				
298. Are the trash receptacles located away from the play areas?				
299. If playground is open in the evening, is there adequate lighting?				
300. Can the entire play area be viewed easily for proper supervision?				